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## **REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 1-15, 22 and 28 were canceled, and claims 32-38 were added. No new matter was added by this amendment. Claims 16-21, 23-27 and 29-38 are now pending in this application.

## Election/Restriction Response

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 24, 2005, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II which includes claims 16-21 and 23-27. Applicants respectfully cancels remaining claims 1-7 and 9-14 (Group I) and claims 8, 15, 22 and 28 (Group III) without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce the non-elected claims in a divisional application at a later date.

Claims 29-31 were not grouped in any of the Groups I-III in the above referenced office action. Applicant assumes that these claims were not subject to the restriction requirement and therefore these claims remain in the application. These claims are directed toward an apparatus that could perform the methods associated with Group II as well as the other non-elected Groups I-III.

The Examiner indicated in the Office Action of August 24, 2005 that "Currently, none of the claims is generic." (See the second paragraph on page 3 of the Office Action dated August 24, 2005). Applicant has added claim 32 which is a generic claim. Applicant feels claim 32 is a generic claims as each claim can be read on all the various species (Species I and Species II) set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action of August 24, 2005.

The above election of Group II also serves as an election of species between species I (claims 1-7 and 9-14) and species II which include the same claims as the Group II claims which have been elected above.

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## **CONCLUSION**

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6977 to facilitate the prosecution of this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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